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October 30, 2003

Joseph Myers
Executive Director
National Indian Justice Center
5250 Aero Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Mr. Myers:

I want to begin by thanking you for facilitating MTC and Caltrans' efforts to consult with federally recognized Native American tribal governments with interests in Bay Area transportation. We appreciate your generosity in making your facilities and time available. Your contribution helped set the initial discussions in a positive direction, and MTC intends to move forward based with discussions with individual tribal governments using the framework you have helped establish.

I also want to take this opportunity to express regret over the misrepresentation in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat of our October 16 meeting. Despite MTC and Caltrans staff's best efforts to describe the context in which the meeting occurred, the October 23 article sought to narrow MTC and Caltrans' interests in working with Tribal Governments. First and foremost, I want to reiterate MTC's commitment to recognizing the special status of Tribal Governments as sovereign nations. Secondly, I want to emphasize that MTC's motivation in arranging the meeting was to open lines of communication for ongoing government-to-government discussions about the full range of tribal transportation interests – not to focus on any particular issue. I feel the most effective way to assure Tribal Governments of MTC's good faith is to communicate with them directly on this topic and to move forward with our efforts for government-to-government consultation. I am sending follow-up letters to each of the participating tribal representatives to reiterate the commitments I expressed on behalf of MTC at the October 16 meeting.

Please feel free to contact me (510-464-7700) or Lisa Klein (510-464-7832) of my staff if MTC can be of any assistance with regard to regional transportation planning.

Sincerely,

Steve Heminger
Executive Director

cc: Commissioners Steve Kinsey, Pamela Torliatt, Sharon Wright, MTC
Bijan Sartipi, Dana Cowell, Doug Sibley, Caltrans District 4
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Lester Pinola
Chairperson
Stewarts Point Rancheria
PO Box 6525
Santa Rosa, CA 95406-0525

Re: Government-to-Government Consultation on Transportation Issues

Dear Chairperson Pinola:

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for the participation of your staff in the Caltrans/MTC/Tribal government consultation meeting on October 16, 2003. MTC recognizes this as an important step in developing a positive and continuing dialogue with Stewarts Point Rancheria on issues related to transportation in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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Sincerely,



Steve Heminger
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cc: Ronald Lincoln, Tribal Administrator, Stewarts Point Rancheria
Deborah Bean, Stewarts Point Rancheria
Commissioners Steve Kinsey, Pamela Torliatt, Sharon Wright, MTC
Bijan Sartipi, Dana Cowell, Doug Sibley, Caltrans District 4
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Donald Arnold
Chairperson
Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
9700 Soda Bay Road
Kelseyville, CA 95451

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Dear Chairperson Arnold:

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your participation in the Caltrans/MTC/Tribal government consultation meeting on October 16, 2003. MTC recognizes this as an important step in developing a positive and continuing dialogue with Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians on issues related to transportation in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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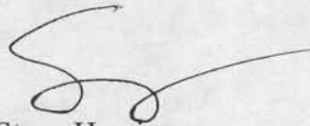
I wish to extend the offer to meet with you, members of the tribal council, or staff at your convenience to discuss how MTC and Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians can work together on transportation issues in the Bay Area. In particular, we would welcome your further input on *Transportation 2030*, the Bay Area's long-range transportation plan, which is currently under development with a draft plan scheduled for release in September 2004.

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Elizabeth Hansen
Chairperson
Redwood Valley Rancheria
3250 Road "T"
Redwood Valley, CA 95470

Re: Government-to-Government Consultation on Transportation Issues

Dear Chairperson Hansen:

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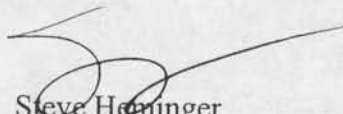
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cc: Martin Martinez III, Transportation Planner, Redwood Valley Rancheria
Commissioners Steve Kinsey, Pamela Torliatt, Sharon Wright, MTC
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Cynthia Gomez, Caltrans Native American Liaison Branch
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Greg Sarris
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Re: Government-to-Government Consultation on Transportation Issues

Dear Chairperson Sarris:

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for the participation of your staff in the Caltrans/MTC/Tribal government consultation meeting on October 16, 2003. MTC recognizes this as an important step in developing a positive and continuing dialogue with Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria on issues related to transportation in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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Steve Heminger
Executive Director

cc: Joanne Adams, Tribal Administrator, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
Newell Mann, Transportation Planner, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
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Bijan Sartipi, Dana Cowell, Doug Sibley, Caltrans District 4
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Liz DeRouen
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Geyserville, CA 95441-0607

Re: Government-to-Government Consultation on Transportation Issues

Dear Chairperson DeRouen:

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your participation in the Caltrans/MTC/Tribal government consultation meeting on October 16, 2003. MTC recognizes this as an important step in developing a positive and continuing dialogue with Dry Creek Rancheria on issues related to transportation in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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cc: Tom Keegan, Environmental Director, Dry Creek Rancheria
Margie Rojas, Dry Creek Rancheria
Laila De Rouen, Dry Creek Rancheria
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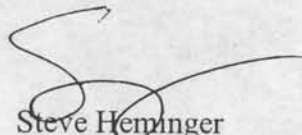
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